primary Health Centres were established against the target of 731 in Madhya Pradesh during the Seventh Five Year Plan under State Sector

(b) Funds for Primary Health Centres are released directly by the Planning Commission to States under the State Sector Budget and Minimum Needs Programme who are responsible for establishment of the same

[English]

Thefts in Trains.

2266 SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state

(a) the percentage of increase in cases of theft in running trains at the end of 1991 as compared to 1990, and

(b) the measures taken by the Govern ment to check such incidents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) (a) There is a marginal increase of 1 73% in theft/pilferage in running trains in the year 1991 as compared to the year 1990

(b) The following preventive measures are being taken to prevent thefts and pilferage of Railway Property –

1 Escorting of trains carrying valu able and important consignments as far as possible

2 Intensive beat patrolling in yards and other vulnerable areas/sections

3 Joint checking at interchange points to take stock of the condition of wagons carrying consignments vulnerable to theft etc

4 RPF armed pickets are posted/ deployed in vulnerable sections as far as possible

5 Plain clothed RPF personnel are also deployed to collect crime intelligence with a view to tracking down the criminals

6 Dog squads are deployed for pa trolling invulnerable areas as per their availability

7 Close-co-ordination between the RPF, the GRP and the local police is maintained at various levels to deal with criminals and receivers of stolen property

Strengthening of Drug Control Organisations

2267 SHRI RAJESH KUMAR Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WEL FARE be pleased to state

(a) the steps taken by the Government to strengthen the drug control organisations operating at national level in view of the rapid expansion of drug industry, and

(b) whether any steps have been taken to well equip the Central Laboratory Calcutta and Central Indian Pharmacopoeia Laboratory Ghaziabad as subsidiary Laboratories under the Drugs and Cosmetics Act?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D K THARADEVI SIDDHARTHA) (a) Government have formulated a detailed proposal for strengthening the Central Drug Control Organisation at the Headquarters Zones, Ports and for testing laboratories